

Molly Wingrove

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 12:12 PM
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Subject: House Bills 4526, 4527 & 4528
Attachments: Resolution 2023-07.pdf

To the Regulatory Reform Committee:

Please find attached a resolution in opposition to House Bills 4526, 4527 and 4528 as adopted by the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees at our regular meeting on June 1st.

Our township has been directly impacted by sand and gravel mining and has been very successful regulating these operations at the local level where local control in the permitting process should remain. The proposed bills would also place an undue burden on EGLE that does not have adequate resources to effectively monitor and enforce these types of operations.

We strongly urge you to vote NO in opposition to these bills.

Regards,

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**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 4526, 4527 AND 4528
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-07**

WHEREAS, the Michigan House is considering House Bills 4526, 4527 and 4528 that would remove local government's oversight capability, further preempting Townships from placing regulations on any sand and gravel mining operation regardless of where they are located or the impact to nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, HB 4526, 4527 and 4528 would effectively erase local control over the operation and siting of sand and gravel mines, including noise, hours of operation, dust control and haul routes; and

WHEREAS, HB 4526, 4527 and 4528 would vacate previous judicial and administration opinions related to all mining permit applications including those previously submitted to a local unit of government; and

WHEREAS, HB 4526, 4527 and 4528 removes the right of referendum by impacted residents; and

WHEREAS, HB 4526, 4527 and 4528 artificially limits required financial assurances at levels that do not provide for proper protections for amounts needed for land reclamation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees hereby opposes House Bills 4526, 4527 and 4528, and that Townships must maintain their already limited authority on mining operations and are best equipped to balance the needs of their community.

Motion made by Trustee McQueer and seconded by Trustee Oliver to adopt the above Resolution.

Upon roll-call vote, the following members voted:

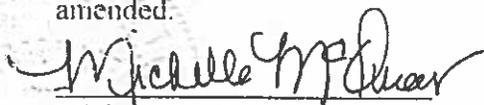
AYE: Ahrens, Faust, Fromhart, McQueer, Oliver
NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Supervisor declared Resolution Number 2023-07 in Opposition to House Bills 4526, 4527 and 4528 duly adopted.

Certification:

I, Michelle McQueer, the undersigned Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Bridgewater, held on June 1, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given, and the meeting was conducted, pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Michigan Public acts of 1976, as amended.



Michelle McQueer
Bridgewater Township Clerk